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BRAZIL, PERU AND COLOMBIA

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1. DURING FOREIGN OFFICE BANQUET EVENING JANUARY 19
FOR CANADIAN SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
JAMIESON, I WAS APPROACHED BY UNDER SECRETARY BEESLEY
AND SEVERAL OTHERS OF JAMIESON PARTY WHO WENT OUT OF
THEIR WAY TO COMMENT ON THEIR RECEPTION IN BRAZIL.
FIRST OF ALL, THEY WERE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED BY THE
EXTENT OF THE RED CARPET TREATMENT WHICH THEY SAID
COMPARED FAVORABLY TO STANDARD RECEPTION FOR CHIEF
OF STATE. IN PARTICULAR THEY WANTED TO TRANSMIT
TO ME (AND I GATHER THROUGH ME TO USG) THEIR CON-
CLUSION THE BRAZILIANS FELT THE CANADIAN MISSION
WAS CARRYING A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE USG ON
THE NEED FOR STRONG SAFEGUARDS IN BRAZILIAN
NUCLEAR POWER DEVELOPMENT AND/OR THEY WISHED THROUGH
THE CANADIAN VISITORS TO TRANSMIT TO US BRAZIL'S
DETERMINATION TO BUILD INTO THEIR PROGRAM THESE
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STRONG SAFEGUARDS. THEY SAID THAT PRESIDENT GIESSEL
IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH JAMIESON TOOK THE INITIATIVE
TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT (WHICH JAMIESON HAD DECIDED NOT
TO RAISE DIRECTLY WITH THE PRESIDENT) AND GAVE CLEAR ASSURANCES
THAT ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS WOULD BE BUILT INTO BRAZIL'S
PROGRAM.

2. THE THIRD POINT THAT SURPRISED THE CANADIANS
WAS THE EXTENT OF THE PARTICIPATION OF THE BRAZILIAN PRESS
IN THE VISIT AND THE VERY CONSIDERABLE FREEDOM
DISPLAYED IN BOTH ITS LINE OF QUESTIONING AND ITS
REPORTING RELATING TO THE VISIT. THE CANADIANS
EVIDENTLY EXPECTED A MUCH TAMER AND MORE CONTROLLED FOURTH
ESTATE IN A COUNTRY HEADED BY AN AUTHORITARIAN
MILITARY GOVERNMENT. THE BRAZILIAN VISIT PLUS WHAT THEY
HAD ENCOUNTERED THUS FAR ON THEIR VISIT TO PERU
SEEMED TO HAVE CONVINCED THEM THAT MILITARY GOVERNMENTS
IN LATIN AMERICA COME IN A VARIETY OF SIZES AND
SHAPES AND WITH VARYING DEGREES OF PRESS AND
OTHER FREEDOMS. DEAN

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